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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: JULY 25 - 29 NON-ALIGNED
FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT BELGRADE

REF: A. STATE 178240 B. STATE 178242

1. TALKING POINTS REFTELS ON BELGRADE NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WERE MADE JULY 18 BY A/DECM TO A.M. HYERA, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HYERA DEPARTS DAR ES SALAAM JULY 19 FOR BELGRADE. TANGOV ANNOUNCED JULY 18 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA WOULD LEAD TANZANIAN DELEGATION

2. HYERA COMMENTED ON SEVERAL ISSUES AS FOLLOWS:

A. CUBA. HYERA DID NOT SEE CUBA'S ROLE IN THE NAM AS AN IMPORTANT OR SUITABLE ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION AT BELGRADE. (SEE DAR 988 FOR HYERA'S EARLIER COMMENTS ON CUBA.)

?. MIDDLE EAST. TANGOV "USUALLY SUPPORTS ARAB COUNTRIES IN THEIR STRUGGLE." HYERA SAID IT WAS EMBARRASSING WHEN THE ARABS ARE DIVIDED. "WE TRY TO BRING THEM TOGETHER." HE
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THOUGHT THE US WAS OVERLY SENSITIVE ABOUT NACB TREATMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST AT HAVANA. HE SAID TANGOV DID NOT WISH TO SEE EGYPT CONDEMNED AT BELGRADE.

C. ZIONISM/RACISM. HYERA WAS GENERALLY CONVINCED THAT UNGA RESOLUTION 3379 HAD MERIT BUT SAW RESOLUTION AS AN OVERREACTION BY THE ARABS IN CARRYING ON THEIR "LIBERATION

STRUGGLE." HE MAINTAINED IT WAS NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN TOO MUCH ATTENTION. HE WARNED THAT "THE MORE YOU TALK ABOUT IT, THE WORSE YOU MAKE THE PROBLEM."

D. MASS MEDIA. HYERA WAS NOT RECEPTIVE TO US ARGUMENTS. HE MAINTAINED THAT THERE WAS NO TRULY FREE PRESS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. HE SAID "WE THINK WE KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR US."

E. SOUTHERN AFRICA AND PUERTO RICO. ADCM DID NOT RAISE, SINCE BOTH TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH TANGOV IN RECENT PAST.

3. COMMENT. WE DO NOT EXPECT TANZANIA TO BE A VOICE FOR MODERATION AT BELGRADE. TANDEL MAY BE INTERESTED IN AFFIRMING TANZANIA'S "RADICAL" CREDENTIALS AGAINST CHARGES OF SELLING OUT TO THE WEST BY COOPERATING IN WESTERN INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
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